

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Guides and  
3 Outfitters from Coronavirus Vaccine Mandates in the  
4 Great Outdoors Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COMMERCIAL USE AU-**  
6 **THORIZATIONS.**

7 Section 101925(b) of title 54, United States Code,  
8 is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(3) PROHIBITION OF MEDICAL DISCRIMINA-  
10 TION.—The Secretary shall not deny an application  
11 for a commercial use authorization under this sec-  
12 tion for any reason relating to the coronavirus vac-  
13 cination status of an applicant or an employee of an  
14 applicant.

15 “(4) STATUS OF HOLDER OF COMMERCIAL USE  
16 AUTHORIZATION.—A holder of a commercial use au-  
17 thorization issued under this section shall not be  
18 considered to be an employee, contractor, or subcon-  
19 tractor of the Federal Government.”.

20 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY PERMIT-**  
21 **TING.**

22 Section 803(h) of the Federal Lands Recreation En-  
23 hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6802(h)) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “The Secretary may” and in-  
25 serting the following:

26 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may”; and

1           (2) by adding at the end the following:

2           “(2) PROHIBITION OF MEDICAL DISCRIMINA-  
3           TION.—The Secretary shall not deny an application  
4           for a special recreation permit under paragraph (1)  
5           for any reason relating to the coronavirus vaccina-  
6           tion status of an applicant or an employee of an ap-  
7           plicant.

8           “(3) STATUS OF HOLDER OF SPECIAL RECRE-  
9           ATION PERMIT.—A holder of a special recreation  
10          permit issued under paragraph (1) shall not be con-  
11          sidered to be an employee, contractor, or subcon-  
12          tractor of the Federal Government.”.